

Army and our great Nation. General Bell was commissioned as a distinguished military graduate and second lieutenant in 1969 upon graduation from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Following commissioning, General Bell specialized in armor and served with distinction as he rose through the ranks. His orders took him to posts throughout the United States, Germany, and the Middle East.

General Bell assumed command of the United Nations Command, Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces command, and United States Forces Korea on February 3, 2006.

During his time in command, North Korea made provocative missile launches and numerous demilitarized zone and airspace incursions. Despite these threats, General Bell maintained military readiness even as he reduced the U.S. footprint in Korea by moving soldiers, civilians, and family members south, thus transforming the commands in Korea.

In addition, General Bell has been a principal participant in the fast-paced bilateral military and political discussions, where he has earned the reputation as a well-respected ambassador for the United States. He also developed and maintained close ties with the military and civilian leadership of the Republic of Korea in partnership with the U.S. Ambassador to Korea. He has helped fuse a lasting bond between the two countries.

General Bell is a soldier's soldier. Throughout his career, he has made the wellbeing of soldiers, families, and civilians a priority. He expects those serving below him to do the same.

During service in Desert Shield and Desert Storm as the United States Central Command executive officer, he worked to ensure that each soldier was properly prepared, trained, and equipped for the mission and that every family was cared for by a Family Readiness Group.

Throughout his illustrious career in the Army, General Bell has been nothing less than exceptional. He is a great credit to the Army and this country. I wish him and his wife Katie well in their new endeavors.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5658. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

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#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6359. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information" (RIN0581-AC70)(Docket No. AMS-LS-07-0056) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6360. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Avocados Grown in South Florida and Imported Avocados; Revision of the Maturity Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0054) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6361. A communication from the Administrator, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice Governing Formal Adjudicatory Proceedings Instituted by the Secretary Under Various Statutes" (Docket No. AMS-LRRS-08-0015) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6362. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Potato Grade Standards" (Docket No. AMS-2006-0136) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6363. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Peanut Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Amendment to Primary Peanut-Producing States and Adjustment of Membership" (Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0001) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6364. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0155) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6365. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2008-2009 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0135) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6366. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0151) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6367. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California; Change in Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. FV07-983-2 FR) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6368. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California; Change in Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0095) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6369. A communication from the Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida" (Docket No. FV07-905-610) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6370. A communication from the Administrator, Dairy Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Appalachian and Southeast Marketing Areas; Correction" (Docket No. DA-07-03 A) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6371. A communication from the Administrator, Poultry Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Fees and Charges for Egg, Poultry, and Rabbit Grading; Correction" (Docket No. AMS-PY-08-0030) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6372. A communication from the Administrator, Dairy Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Dairy Promotion and Research Program, Section

610 Review" (Docket No. DA-06-04) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6373. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's decision to convert to contract the intermediate level ship maintenance support functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6374. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to each task order contract that was extended in fiscal year 2007 to a period of more than ten years; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6375. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of (5) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6376. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, notification of the Department's intent to close the Defense commissary stores at Idar-Oberstein and Dexheim, Germany; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6377. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6378. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals it wants to be included as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2009, including one relative to the extension of payment bonuses; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6379. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals it wants to be included as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2009, including one relative to the deposit fund for minor beneficiaries; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6380. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees" (RIN0790-AH93) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6381. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6382. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the sale of four Boeing 777-300ER aircraft to Brazil; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6383. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export of one Boeing 747-400F cargo aircraft and four installed Rolls Royce engines to Luxembourg; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6384. A communication from the Director, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Trade Regu-

lations: Mandatory Automated Export System Filing for All Shipments Requiring Shipper's Export Declaration Information" (RIN0607-AA38) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6385. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Decrease the Incidental Catch of Weakfish in the Exclusive Economic Zone in Non-Directed Fisheries" (RIN0648-AV44) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6386. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule, Correction; Correction to Implementation of Amendment 80 and Amendment 85 to Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-AU68) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6387. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch for Vessels in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Trawl Limited Access Fishery in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XH84) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6388. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Less Than 60 ft LOA Using Pot or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XH78) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6389. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Establish 2008 Groundfish Fishery Specifications for Pacific Whiting" (RIN0648-AW63) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6390. A communication from the Associate Administrator for Aeronautics, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Development Work for Industry in NASA Wind Tunnels" (RIN2700-AC81) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6391. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting a draft bill intended to authorize certain maritime programs; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6392. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on excess harvesting capacity in U.S. fisheries; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6393. A communication from the Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the country of origin and sellers of uranium

and uranium enrichment services purchased by owners of U.S. civilian nuclear power reactors during calendar year 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6394. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "To rename Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia as 'Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historical Park'"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6395. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Boundary Adjustment Act of 2008"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6396. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "George Washington Memorial Parkway Boundary Revision Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6397. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill intended to adjust the wilderness boundary at Lava Beds National Monument; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6398. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill intended to authorize the Secretary to administer the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6399. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park Act of 2008"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6400. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission Reauthorization Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6401. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "To modify the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6402. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "To designate as wilderness certain lands within the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6403. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "National Park System Uniform Penalty Amendment Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6404. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Update of Filing Fees" (RIN1902-AD57) received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-6405. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"2-Oxepanone, homopolymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8362-8) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6406. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 8573-3) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6407. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota; Maintenance Plan Update for Dakota County Lead Area" (FRL No. 8572-6) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6408. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review Rules" (FRL No. 8573-2) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6409. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expedited Approval of Alternative Test Procedures for the Analysis of Contaminants Under the Safe Drinking Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures" (FRL No. 8573-7) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6410. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Expedited Approval of Alternative Test Procedures for the Analysis of Contaminants Under the Safe Drinking Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures" (FRL No. 8573-7) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6411. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing of Endangered Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Special Rule for the Polar Bear" (RIN1018-AV79) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6412. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2004 Implementation; Regulatory Revision" (RIN0610-AA63) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6413. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's position on budgeting for the Federal navigation improvement project at Akutan Harbor, Alaska, and the Final Feasibility Report on the Harbor; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6414. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Administration's position on budgeting for the Lock and Dam 3 Mississippi River Navigation Safety and Embankments Navigation Improvement Project; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6415. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Migratory Bird Manage-

ment, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Authorizations Under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act for Take of Eagles; Grandfathering Existing Take Authorizations for Bald and Golden Eagles Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN1018-AV11) received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6416. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to abnormal occurrences during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6417. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: State and Local Location Tax Incentives" (Docket No. LMSB-04-0408-023) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6418. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Property Used to Acquire Parent Stock in Certain Triangular Reorganizations Involving Foreign Corporations" ((RIN1545-BG97)(TD 9400)) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6419. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hospice Care Conditions of Participation" (RIN0938-AH27) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6420. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the use and effectiveness of Medicaid Integrity Program funds; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6421. A communication from the Social Security Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parent-to-Child deeming from Stepparents" (RIN0960-AF96) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6422. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2009 Inflation Adjustments for Health Savings Accounts" (Rev. Proc. 2008-29) received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6423. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Section 7874 for Determining the Ownership Percentage in the Case of Expanded Affiliated Groups" ((RIN1545-BE93)(TD 9399)) received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6424. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting a draft bill intended to make amendments to the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6425. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Provider Reimbursement Determinations and Appeals" (RIN0938-AL54) received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6426. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Long-Term Care Partnership Program: Reporting Requirements for Insurers" (RIN0991-AB44) received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6427. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes for Long-Term Care Hospitals Required by Certain Provisions of the Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP Extension Act of 2007: 3-Year Moratorium on the Establishment of New Long-Term Care Hospitals and Long-Term Care Hospital Satellite Facilities and Increases in Beds in Existing Long-Term Care Hospitals and Long-Term Care Hospital Satellite Facilities; and 3-Year Delay in the Application of Certain Payment Adjustments" (RIN0938-AP33) received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6428. A communication from the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, transmitting an invitation to a conference on the challenges of climate change and bioenergy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6429. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense articles to the United Kingdom and Greece for the manufacture of the Lightweight 30mm TP projectile and the LW 30mm cartridge case; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6430. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles relative to the Proton launch of commercial and foreign non-commercial satellites from Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6431. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a license for the export of defense articles to Japan for the co-development of the Galaxy Express space launch vehicle upgrade program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6432. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a license for the export of defense articles to Japan in support of the manufacture of the Mi67AI Vulcan Air Defense System; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6433. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles to the Ministry of Defense of Georgia relative to the 20M-134G complete 7.62 mini-gun systems; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6434. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a license for the export of defense articles to Russia, Ukraine, and Norway relative to the launch of all commercial and foreign non-commercial satellites from the Pacific Ocean using a modified oil platform; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6435. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-certification of a proposed

manufacturing license agreement for the export of defense services to the United Kingdom for the manufacture and assembly of component parts into completed SINGARDS Advanced Tactical Communication Systems; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6436. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the effectiveness of programs assisted under the Lead Contamination Control Act of 1988 for fiscal year 2005 to fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6437. A communication from the Deputy Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (73 FR 28037) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6438. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report for fiscal year 2007 relative to the Food and Drug Administration's adherence to conditions established in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6439. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the six-month period that ended March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6440. A communication from the Chairperson, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting proposed amendments to the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6441. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonforeign Area Cost-of-Living Allowance Rates; Puerto Rico and Hawaii County, HI" (RIN3206-AL28) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6442. A communication from the Director, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Compensatory Time Off for Travel; Prevailing (Wage) Employees" (RIN3206-AL52) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6443. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of Controller, received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6444. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Accounting for the Costs of Employee Stock Ownership Plans Sponsored by Government Contractors" (Docket No. 3110-01) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6445. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, to

March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6446. A communication from the Acting Chief Acquisition Officer and Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-25" (FAC 2005-25) received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6447. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6448. A communication from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6449. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Auditor's Examination of Contract Cost and Administration for the Integrated Tax System"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6450. A communication from the Director, National Legislative Commission, The American Legion, transmitting, pursuant to law, statements describing the organization's financial condition as of December 31, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6451. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination and change in previously submitted reported information for the position of U.S. Attorney, District of South Carolina, received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6452. A communication from the Acting Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of a Genealogy Program" (RIN1615-AB19) received on May 21, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6453. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on May 29, 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3076. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax deduction for itemizers and nonitemizers for expenses relating to home schooling; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. MCCAIN)):

S. 3077. A bill to strengthen transparency and accountability in Federal spending; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 3078. A bill to establish a National Innovation Council, to improve the coordination of innovation activities among industries in

the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. BROWN):

S.J. Res. 37. A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should sign the Declaration of the Oslo Conference on Cluster Munitions and future instruments banning cluster munitions that cause unacceptable harm to civilians; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 581. A resolution designating June 6, 2008, as "National Huntington's Disease Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Con. Res. 86. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States, through the International Whaling Commission, should use all appropriate measures to end commercial whaling in all of its forms and seek to strengthen measures to conserve whale species; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the Medicaid program.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 937

At the request of Mr. KERRY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 937, a bill to improve support and services for individuals with autism and their families.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to impose sanctions on Iran and on other countries for assisting Iran in developing a nuclear program, and for other purposes.